

# Misunderstood Messiah: The Gospel of John

## Misunderstood Miracles

JOHN 4:43-54

### CORE TRUTH

Week of March 15, 2026

**The greatest miracle is not just the restoration of what is broken, but the gift of faith that trusts Jesus before we see the outcome.**

**WELCOME** to remind us why we're here.

🕒 Spend about 5 minutes here.

**Mission** – To become more like Jesus – together.

**Vision** – We work out our salvation side-by-side—with honesty, humility, and hope. We walk with one another, not just to talk about Jesus, but to be transformed by him. (Philippians 2:12-13)

**Guidelines** – Our Group Guidelines help us live out our mission and vision with kindness and humility. We encourage you to read and discuss the guidelines together regularly—they can be found on the last page.

**HEAD** to help us examine what the word shows and let in what's true.

🕒 Spend about 10 minutes here.

- What stands out to you in this passage?
- Imagine being the royal official making the journey to find Jesus. What emotions or expectations might you have had along the way?

**HEART** to help us wrestle with what we believe and be with each other in it.

🕒 Spend about 30 minutes here.

- The royal official comes to Jesus in a moment of deep desperation. Where do you most feel the weight of uncertainty or need in your life right now?
- The turning point of the story comes when the man believes Jesus' word before seeing the outcome. What makes it difficult for us to trust Jesus in that way?
- How might Jesus be inviting you to trust his word even before you see the result?

**HANDS** to help us live out the truth with the Spirit as we go out into the world.

🕒 Spend about 15 minutes here.

- **Meditate on the following reflection now and throughout the week:** Jesus, grow the faith in me to trust your word and your promises – even without seeing the end of the story.
- **Use the following prayer based on Psalms 20 to close your time together:**

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God.  
Give us hearts that rely on you and confidence in your promises. Amen.

### LEADER RESOURCES

• [Weekly Leader Video](#) • [Bible Project John Part 1](#) • [Why The Gospel of John Is Special](#) • [Tim Keller Podcasts on John](#) •

### NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE

John 12:1-19

GROUPS





## DISCIPLESHIP GROUP GUIDELINES

- **Safe Group:** We strive for an environment where everyone can be open, and honest about his or her struggles and victories.
- **Confidentiality:** What is said in the group stays in the group.
- **Listen:** We want to value one another by really listening to what is being shared. Try to avoid thinking about how you are going to respond while someone is sharing.
- **Pause:** Allowing a pause in the conversation after one person shares and before the next person shares gives the person sharing a chance to finish. A pause also gives the group an opportunity to consider before responding.
- **Silence:** It is important to allow silence in the group as it provides an opportunity for people to think deeply, to gather their thoughts in order to share, and to genuinely consider what others have shared.
- **One Conversation at a Time:** Be considerate of others as they are sharing. No side conversations.
- **No Fixing:** We are not here to fix each other; Jesus does that part. Give encouragement and ask questions, but try not to solve or fix one another.
- **No Rescuing:** When people are sharing something deeply personal, please resist the tendency to try to make them feel better about themselves or their situation by providing immediate condolences. This will often cause people to stop sharing.
- **Be Curious:** By asking the next question, we communicate genuine interest. We keep the conversation moving forward while building relationships and intimacy.
- **Be Self-Aware:** Be mindful of how you are personally affecting the small group environment through your words, actions, and non-verbal communication. Be sensitive about the amount of time you share, whether too much (dominating) or not enough (hiding).
- **Use "I" Statements:** It is very easy to talk about other people's issues, but, for our purposes, we want to put ourselves on the table. Use "I" statements rather than "them", "the church", "people", "you", "us", "we", etc.
- **Resolve Conflict Biblically:** As a group we commit to extend grace to one another. Conflict is not bad, it's an opportunity for growth. We are all being transformed to be more like Jesus. Conflict and change are a part of that journey. (Matthew 18)
- **Manage Technology:** Let's respect one another by silencing alerts on our devices.

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